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**REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on December 27, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 9-10 are amended, and claims 1-8 are canceled. As a result, claims 9-10 are now pending in this application. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in the written description, claims, and drawings, as originally filed. Thus, the amendments to the claims do not add new matter. The amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal, and therefore is appropriate for entry under 37 CFR § 1.116.

**'103 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 1, 2, and 4-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray (U.S. 3,191,701) in view of Preisler (U.S. 3,640,459).

Claims 3 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gray (U.S. 3,191,701) in view of Preisler (U.S. 3,640,459) as applied to claims 1, 2, & 4-7 above and further in view of Caldwell (U.S. 2,477,960).

Since claims 1-7 have been cancelled, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of these claims.

While rejecting claims 8-10, the Examiner did indicate that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended claims 9 and 10 include the limitations of claim 1 (the base claim). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the claims 9 and 10 are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Vani Moodley (650-796-5417) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3437.

Respectfully submitted,


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